

PROPOSED NAATF CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

October 9, 2009

Article VII: Meetings

The Chapter shall have at least two meetings a year, one in connection with the annual meeting of the Nebraska International Language Association. Other special meetings may be called by the President in consultation with the members of the Executive Board. A quorum shall consist of ten percent of the membership.

PROPOSED:

The Chapter shall have at least one meeting a year, held in connection with the annual meeting of the Nebraska International Language Association. Other special meetings may be called by the President in consultation with the members of the Executive Board. A quorum shall consist of those members in good standing who are in attendance.

This change is being proposed because NILA no longer holds a bi-annual meeting. The change in quorum expectations is recommended so that Chapter business can be accomplished at this meeting.

Article VIII: Executive Board

The Executive Board of the Chapter shall consist of the four elected officers, the immediate Past President, and the National French Contest Administrator. It is authorized to conduct all important business between meetings, to approve all orders drawn against funds of the Chapter, and may be called into session or consulted by telephone or email at the initiative of the President. Its decisions must be submitted to the general membership for ratification at the next meeting of the Chapter. All decisions involving policy changes must be submitted to the general membership for ratification.

PROPOSED:

Omit National French Contest Administrator as a board position. This change was proposed at the suggestion of Nikki McDonald, past Administrator, because she felt that it wasn't necessary for her to attend Board meetings in order to be effective as an administrator. She was able to keep the Board informed without serving on the Board. Now as the current administrator, Mitzi Delman concurs with this recommendation.

Article IX: Amendments

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting, providing that notice announcing the exact nature and wording of the proposed amendment shall have been published on the NAATF web site or sent to members prior to the meeting.

PROPOSED:

Article IX: Amendments

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting or via e-mail, providing that notice announcing the exact nature and wording of the proposed amendment is published on the NAATF web site or sent to members prior to e-mail voting. Amendment changes are binding provided at least 51% of the membership casts a vote prior to the voting deadline.

E-mail voting shall have a response deadline and be votes shall be carried by a 2/3 majority of the respondents.

This change is being proposed to allow e-mail communication to facilitate chapter business. (Technically, we're executing these changes via this manner as a trial. With only one meeting a year, it is nearly impossible to accomplish chapter business without using technology. Case in point...these changes were drafted for the 2009 Fall meeting and have been tabled and not yet voted on. Without enabling us to vote via e-mail, it would another year before these changes could be affectuated. Please vote!)

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